

## Postal Regulatory Commission

Washington, D.C. 20268-0001

### NOTICE OF FILING UNDER 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)

TO THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE:

Please take notice that the Commission received six petitions for review of the Postal Service's determination to close the Geuda Springs post office located in Geuda Springs, Kansas. The first petition for review received November 16, 2011, was filed by Paula Hills. The second petition for review received November 22, 2011, was filed by Billilee A. Paton. The third petition for review received November 22, 2011, was filed by Terry and Nancy Oursler. The fourth petition for review received November 22, 2011, was filed by Linda Estrada. The fifth petition for review received November 29, 2011, was filed by Patricia A. Blubaugh. The sixth petition for review received November 30, 2011, was filed by Shannon Wendt. The earliest postmark date is November 9, 2011.

This notice is advisory only and is being furnished so that the Postal Service may begin assembling the administrative record in advance of any formal appeal proceedings held upon the alleged (closing/consolidation) for transmittal pursuant to 39 CFR § 3001.113(a) (requiring the filing of the record within 15 days of the filing with the Commission of a petition for review).



Ruth Ann Abrams  
Acting Secretary

Date: December 2, 2011

Attachment

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Paula Hills  
Box 46  
Geuda Springs Ks  
67051

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To whom it may concern,

: Refer to Docket number 1364712-67051

I am a concerned citizen of Geuda Springs who doesn't wish to see our Post office closed. You say our mail comes out of Oxford Ks, but that isn't true as of October 22nd our mail has been coming out of Winfield Ks. which is about 22 miles away.

The carriers are to take packages or accountable mail back to Oxford which is 11 miles away. There is no reason for at least 50% of the town to go to Oxford. There is no shopping there, no lumber yards, grocery stores, or any other reason to go there. Most of the people that work work in other towns which is in the opposite direction and have no reason to go in that direction. When most people work they leave before the Oxford post office opens and do not get off work in time to get to Oxford before it closes.

Most of our citizens are elderly or handicapped so if you are going to close our post office I think you should let us put mail boxes up curb side door to door like you have in the past with other small towns with their post offices closed.

Thank you for your time.

Paula Hills



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Appeals of Post Office (closings)

Richard Oliver

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901 New York Ave, NW

POST OFFICE

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Suite 200

Office of PAGR

I am appealing the closing of our Genda Springs Post Office. Putting us on the Oxford; now seems to be Winfield Post Office - This makes things (mail) later than ever & very inconvenient. When ordering medicine that is suppose to be kept at room temperature - this makes medicine out for 5-6 hours that I work. I left at the Winfield Post Office - 20+ miles away - round trip 40 miles - this is an extra trip - this is not good. We do not shop at Oxford - nothing to shop for. We seldom go to Winfield. If closing our Post Office is a must, think about this -

The people here work, shop, do business, bank go to Doctors at Arkansas City, Kansas which is 12 miles away - some one could always pick up medicine or undelivered packages & much better.

Arkansas City, Kansas 67005 would be so much more convenient, if you close our Post Office

Please Consider this. Sincerely

Mrs Billie A. Paton

Phone 620-447-8238

206 W. Walnut  
Genda Springs, Kans 67051

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Nov 14, 2011

Dear Sir;

Terry and Nancy Oursler, residents of Sumner county, address of Geuda Springs, APPEAL to the Postal Regulatory Commission to have understanding, consideration, and compassion in regards to the purposed closing of the Geuda Springs Kansas (67051) Post Office. We are getting along in years now and moving postal service further away will make it a hardship and more dangerous as the roads to Oxford Kansas, the next option for postal service, leaves much to be desired and is 19 miles away. If we turn our back on the people of rural America, where will that lead?

Thank you for your consideration and thoughtfulness in leaving the Geuda Springs post office open.

Arkansas City Kansas is much closer, 7 miles and if the Geuda Springs post office does happen to close, it would make much more sense to us to have our mail based out of Arkansas City. Thank you for your time.

Terry and Nancy Oursler  
1780 East 160<sup>th</sup> Street South  
Geuda Springs, Ks 67051

*Terry W. Oursler*  
*Nancy Oursler*

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Docket no. 1364712-67051

NOV 21 2011

Nov 12, 2011

Dear Mr. Oliver,

I have never written a formal letter so please bear with me.

I am a bit old fashioned and do not own a computer. I have a word processor, but I am very fond of the written word. Hope you can read my least writings.

I am writing to report the closing of The Gentle Springs, KS Post Office, Docket number 1364712-67051

I have Litchfield and Blueberry Hill. I often send packages for Birthdays, etc. I will now have to drive 11 miles to the nearest P.O. With the high cost of gas this will be a hardship when now I can walk one mile to our P.O. We also have to drive to town to get stamps.

I am a letter writer and correspond with family through letters & cards. Not to mention without a computer I mail my bills.

I realize Post Offices are being closed all over in small towns and just west of a possible closing in Topeka, KS. In a large town there are several offices. We have only one. Please do not close our office.

Sincerely, Litchfield

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To Whom it May Concern,

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I truly value our Geuda Springs post office and feel that it should remain open to serve our community of elderly patrons.

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I feel that we need to keep these offices open so that we do not become like our competition, so that we can retain the personal touch that our customers value.

Closing this post office will make a long trip to town to retrieve certified mail and packages as we are not home during the week to retrieve the mail.

Thanks for your time on this matter.

Sincerely,

Patricia A Blubaugh

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*Docket number 1364712 - 67051*

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Dear Mr. Oliver,

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I am sending this letter as an appeal to close the Geuda Springs, 67051, post office. This is referred to as Docket number 1364712-67051. I hate to say that, as if we have no identity of our own, as if all we are is a number to the Postal SERVICE.

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SECRETARY

Let me begin with several facts: First we have been told numerous times over the course of this process that we would be routed out of Oxford, KS (67119), we have been told this from the very first. That was a bold face lie, as the postal service knew that they would be moving the routes out of Oxford into Winfield, KS (67156), which they did on October 22, 2011. I cannot believe that they did not know in advance that they were moving those routes. We have been told and told that should we need to take care of any business at the post office should ours close, that we would need to go through the Oxford post office. Well we have people that are already on the rural route, that are NOW being told that they will have to go through the Winfield office. The Winfield office is 22 miles from us, as opposed to the Oxford office which is 11 miles. So much for making an office readily available to us, we have a small population of which 80% are elderly or disabled, the rest of us work, how are we supposed to make it to an office 22 miles away without taking off work to do so?? Why would the postal service make such claims as they have when they knew they were not true?

Second, we have number of people that receive medications in the mail. Again we have been told that the incidence of mail theft here is NON EXISTANT, so we needn't worry about that. FACT, the Arkansas City post office is now reported a marked increase in mail theft from boxes outside homes and I would venture to guess cluster boxes as well. One of the things targeted, prescription medications. Not too a big a leap to know that a small town 10 miles from them would start experiencing the same sort of things. We have no police department here, so that is going to add the chances of this happening. So much for safe and secure delivery of our mail, isn't that one of the things that the postal service prides it's self on? Another fact about a lot of the medications being delivered, it's a HUGE problem for those meds to be exposed to the extreme temperatures that we experience here in Kansas. Will the post office be willing to take responsibility for those meds if they are stolen or if they are exposed to the temps and therefore don't work as they are supposed to?

Third, we never know when the mail is going to get here, it varies so much every day that we never know when to expect it. So we should spend the day running back and forth to the mail box to check??

Forth, we have a number of small businesses that use the office here daily; most of those are internet business that requires mailing packages, insuring packages etc. Having to travel 22 miles to do so is going to be big problem for them, even if they choose to use the Oxford or Arkansas City office, that's still at least a 20 mile round trip. With that added expense you very well might be signing the closing of those businesses.

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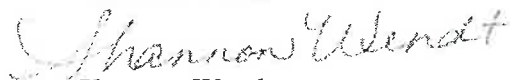
Fifth, we know that the postal service, has passed out THOUSANDS of dollars in BONUS payments, yet they are still reporting a yearly loss. This makes no sense to me, as all the companies I have ever worked for if the company was having a yearly loss you didn't get a bonus. I also have to wonder how many of those BONUS payments went to people that didn't even touch a piece of mail. How many jobs in upper management have been "downsized" to help with this loss? Maybe the postal service should start at the top and work its way down before closing any post office. How many offices could be saved if the "higher ups" took a 10 or 15% pay cut, or refused to take a bonus? In this I can see is that the post office is closing offices, which is cutting off their noses in spite of their faces. They are shutting down their bread and butter instead of looking inside the company they are so proud of.

We as a community don't want to lose our office at all but if we have to lose the office then we beg of you to find a better choice than the cluster boxes that have been spoken of. Perhaps curbside boxes at our homes where those who are elderly or disabled might be able to watch for the mail carrier, that would help them feel more secure as they would be able to gather packages such as medicines right away.

If you were to close the office it would make more sense to have us routed out of Arkansas City, which is 10 miles away as opposed to 22, which will be where we will have to go now. There is a route out of Arkansas City that comes within a mile of Geuda Springs. Most all of us do business in Arkansas City so we would not be required to make a special trip to a town where there is nothing of interest to us. We could plan around anything that we may need to take care of in office, and do that along with our other business.

I beg of you to take into consideration the things I have said and that they will make a difference to someone, as I said we do not want to lose our office, it's one of the last social outlets in a small town, closing it would place hardship on the majority of our community.

Sincerely,  
Shannon Wendt



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